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MEGA CITY STATUS TO SURAT AND AHMEDABAD
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for a city to gain the status of a mega city;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal requesting the Union Government to grant mega city status to Surat and Ahmedabad;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has accorded approval to the said proposal;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities a town having a population of 40 lakhs and above as per 1991 census is categorized as a Mega City. The said scheme does not include Delhi.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir, in respect of Ahmedabad, issue was raised by Government of Gujarat. No such issue was raised in respect of Surat.

(d)to(f): No, Sir. There has been a proposal to extend the scope of the scheme to cover cities, excepting Delhi, with million plus population as per 2001 census. There are 35 million plus cities including 4 cities in Gujarat namely Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot.